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GERMANY'S FOOD SUPPLY ASSURED SAY OFFICIALS

Appointing of Food Dictator Will Centralize Distribution Taking It Out of Hands of the Federal States

NEW POWERS ARE CONCENTRATED

Dictator Will Be Able to Take Up All Food Supplies and Fix Prices Per Capita If Necessary. To Take Effect Soon

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BERLIN, May 23.—The adequate nourishment of our population is fully assured and will not be rendered doubtful by any blockade regulations of enemy states, no matter how unscrupulous they may be and no matter how long the war may last, says the semi-official North German Gazette, in an announcement of the creation of a food dictatorship with sweeping powers.

However, the short harvest of 1915 together with reduced imports, have resulted in a food scarcity in some directions which makes itself acutely felt, and efforts to better conditions have been hindered by the fact that each federal state has been able to make independent regulations. This will now be corrected by a centralization of power.

Probably never before have such sweeping powers been concentrated as are now granted Herr von Batocki, the new food dictator. Various councilors will be assigned to him, representing agricultural, trade, the military and the consumers, and representatives of the federal state and of associations connected with the war will aid him. Final decision on all questions, however, rests solely in Herr von Batocki's hands. The regulations of the federal council will not be affected by the appointment of a dictator but in case of pressing necessity, the dictator is even empowered to issue contrary regulations, but these must be immediately laid before the federal council for approval.

The dictator will be able to appropriate all foods and fodder and may even establish fixed per capita rations if necessary. The only express limitation of the dictator's powers is contained in the provision that the new department's measures will take into consideration orders of the military commanders. The date on which the new order of things will become effective is to be announced shortly.

The surrender by the federal states of their prerogative indicates a realization that existing conditions demand such surrender adequate bread stuffs are on hand, and it is even likely that the bread and flour ration for physical workers soon will be increased. Enough potatoes also are available to carry the country through until the early crop is harvested, although it is possible that the allowance must be somewhat reduced. It cannot be denied, however, that Germany is likely to approach nearly to a condition of a vegetarian Eden in coming months.

The Lokal Anzeiger sums up the situation as follows: "It is no longer any secret that certain supplies are short, not so much as a result of the friendly efforts of our enemies, but as the result of last year's poor harvest." The Lokal Anzeiger refers to mistakes in organization but says after all the main reason for the existing evils is the scarcity of supplies.

That the federal states surrender of their constitutional rights as a preliminary to the creation of the food dictatorship did not come without opposition is indicated by a dispatch from Stuttgart, where one branch of the city council protested sharply against attempts to introduce uniform food distribution throughout the empire, "at the expense of the south of Germany" as the proposer of the resolution of protest phrased it.

President Approves Bill For Council On Resources

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, May 23.—Creation of a national council to mobilize the industrial resources of the country for use in time of war is proposed in a bill, approved by President Wilson, introduced today in the house by Chairman Hay of the military affairs committee.

The measure would provide for a council to consist of seven members of the cabinet, with the power to nominate for the approval of the president an advisory commission of

GERMANS RETALIATE FRENCH ATTACK WITH MURDEROUS ASSAULT

OATMAN MINING MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

KINGMAN, Ariz., May 23.—Charles Grimes, mining capitalist and operator of Pasadena, Cal., and until recently controlling factor and general manager of the Tom Reed mine at Oatman, was found dead about noon today in his room at a local hotel. Death was due to natural causes. The condition of his body indicates that he had been dead at least twenty-four hours when found. His remains will be shipped tomorrow morning to his home in Pasadena for burial.

WORK ON RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL COMPLETE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, May 23.—Consideration of committee amendments to the rivers and harbors appropriation bill was completed by the senate today after two weeks of debate. The only important change made has been the restoration of a \$200,000 appropriation for deepening East river, New York, which was put into the bill by the house at the request of the president and stricken out by the senate committee.

Many senators have amendments, and Senator Kenyon and Sherman have shown no signs of abandoning their filibuster, so there is no saying when a final vote will be reached. Opposition to the measure was stimulated today by an announcement by Senator Tamm, democrat, that he would not vote for it unless the \$42,000,000 total was reduced by fifteen or twenty millions.

Over a vigorous protest by Senator Smoot, the senate sustained a committee provision for a preliminary survey of the Brazos, Colorado and Trinity rivers, in Texas, flood prevention and the extent to which the national government should cooperate with the states in carrying out the plans.

A special rule to provide for immediate consideration of the naval appropriation bill with night sessions, a limited period of general debate and a final vote not later than Friday or Saturday of next week, will be brought into the house next Monday.

Majority Leader Kitchin announced this plan tonight after a heated debate between democratic and republican leaders on the floor during which Mr. Kitchin and Republican Leader Mann accused each other as mis-stating what took place at their informal conference on calling up the measures. Mr. Kitchin insisted that republicans had tacitly agreed to the plan which democrats now plan to force through a special rule while Mr. Mann maintained that no understanding has been reached.

The indications are that virtually a solid democratic majority will vote for the bill as reported by the naval committee with its provision for five great \$20,000,000 battle cruisers. Dreadnaught advocates are depending on the senate to add about two battleships to the construction program.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NORFOLK, Va., May 23.—A large hangar to house Rodman Wainwright's big airship, the America, which will begin tests here soon preliminary to an attempt to cross the Atlantic was completed today at the Atlantic coast aeronautic station.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, May 23.—Sensational charges by Mayor John Purroy Mitchell against some of his "co-religionists" in attempted justification of telephone wire tapping during the investigation conducted by a committee appointed by Governor Whitman into the affairs of Roman Catholic charitable institutions in this city, were made late today before the executive committee headed by State Senator George F. Thompson.

seven members specially qualified to aid in making a survey of the industries of the country and to create relations that will "render possible in time of need the immediate concentration and utilization of all industrial resources of the nation."

None of the men engaged in the work would draw salaries, only their actual expenses being paid. An initial appropriation of \$200,000 is asked for the work of the survey during the first year.

French War Office Describes Fighting As Murderous, Each Attack Preceded With Violent Artillery Fire. French Hold Out

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] The Germans have replied to the terrific French offensive in the Douaumont region with assault after assault and the deadly combat north-east and northwest of Verdun still is in progress. Heavy masses of German troops have been thrown against the picked French troops, whose successful attacks won for them the greater portions of Fort Douaumont and considerable German territory adjacent to the fort, of high strategic value.

These newly captured positions the French have tenaciously held. Particular mention is made by the French war office of the maintenance of the position in Fort Douaumont conquered by the French Monday. The fighting at this point is characterized by Paris as a "murderous struggle." Each attack was preceded by powerful artillery preparations.

Although they were hard held to the northeast, the Germans would not be denied at Le Mort Homme and after having been moved down by the French and machine guns with sanguinary losses in several attacks, finally gained a footing in trenches to the west of this much fought for position. Their tenure of the trenches was short lived, however, for the French, in counter attack, immediately drove them out.

Italy's first anniversary of her entry into the war found her troops on at least one sector in southern Tyrol forced back by the great Austrian offensive upon Italian soil, and in general retirement to their main lines of defense from the region south of Rovereto to the valley Sugana, south-east of Trent.

Rome admits that between the Asica and Brenta rivers and in the Sugana valley the Italians have fallen back on their main lines of defense. While Rome asserts that the operations were carried out in perfect order after the Italians had repulsed Austrian attacks against the advanced line, Vienna says that in the retreat from Borgo the Italians were forced across the border by the Austrians. That the Austrians have advanced as far as the head of the Lake Garda and the Sarca region, is indicated by the Rome official communication, which says that Austrian troops assemblies have been observed in the Riva zone.

While along the Russian front the usual bombardments have continued almost continuously, in the Pripet river region the Russians have repulsed attacks by the Turks and also have dislodged the Ottoman forces from positions on one of the slopes of the Taurus mountains. In their advance on Mosul, with Mesopotamia their objective, the Russians have occupied Serbet.

German Attacks Fail PARIS, May 23.—Fighting continued with extreme violence on both banks of the Meuse along the Verdun front during the whole night. Two German counter attacks on French positions on Hill 304 failed completely.

The French made further gains within Fort Douaumont. The Germans now hold only a small angle on the northeastern corner of the fort.

Recapture by the French after three months of the greater part of Fort Douaumont is received with great elation by the press and public. General Nivelle, the French commander at Verdun, took advantage of the fact that the Germans recently have been concentrating all their attention on Dead Man's Hill, on the

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MAYOR MITCHELL MAKES CHARGES IN THE WIRE TAPPING CASE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, May 23.—Sensational charges by Mayor John Purroy Mitchell against some of his "co-religionists" in attempted justification of telephone wire tapping during the investigation conducted by a committee appointed by Governor Whitman into the affairs of Roman Catholic charitable institutions in this city, were made late today before the executive committee headed by State Senator George F. Thompson.

The mayor's allegations were prompted by the indictment in Kings county earlier in the day of John A. Kingsbury, city commissioner of charities, and William H. Hotchkiss, special counsel for the charities department, for their part in the "tapping" of telephone wires. The chief witnesses against them before the grand jury were Catholic clergymen.

Mayor Mitchell and Police Commissioner Woods were witnesses before the jury but were not indicted, although the presentment of the jury declared they merited "a most severe condemnation" if they approved wire tapping "merely to furnish counsel with information in a law case or to gratify curiosity."

Mayor Mitchell became a witness with the avowed purpose of making public telephone conversations overheard by the police which, he declared, justified the wire tapping.

Alfred J. Tully, counsel for some of the clergymen involved strong objections to the reading of the conversations in the mayor's publication or any part of them. The attorney asserted the alleged conversations were taken down on a slate in long hand by four police officers and were presented to the charities investigation committee which refused to receive them on the ground it would be improper to have them go on the record.

ONE CLEAR NOTE IS DEMAND FOR COL. ROOSEVELT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] TOPEKA, Kas., May 23.—The one clear note of this the most chaotic condition in the history of American politics is the demand for Theodore Roosevelt," declared Henry J. Allen of Wichita, temporary chairman, in opening the progressive state convention here today.

Mr. Allen predicted that the "only thing that can keep Roosevelt from the nomination at the republican national convention in Chicago will be the stand pat delegates."

"The contest will be between an American with a strong program and one who cannot say where he stands," he said.

Theodore Roosevelt stands for the Americanism of the unfraid; for national honor and self respect. We are going to Chicago next month with the purpose of providing the greatest American feast for the republicans to come that you ever saw. I hope they will meet the situation with the great American spirit."

The convention voted to double the representation sent to the national convention and twenty-six delegates will be elected.

The convention adopted a resolution declaring for Colonel Roosevelt for president and instructed delegates to vote for his nomination.

Thirty-two delegates were elected to the national convention in Chicago.

Wilson Policies Condemned

WACO, Texas, May 23.—The progressive party of Texas, in state convention here today, condemned the "policies" of the Wilson administration, commended the principles of "true Americanism and preparedness as typified by Colonel Roosevelt," and elected uninstructed delegates to the progressive national convention. The delegates were instructed to vote for the re-election of H. L. Borden of Houston as Texas national committee-man.

PROHIBITION AND SUFFRAGE MEET SET BACK

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 23.—National prohibition and woman suffrage at the state democratic convention met a severe setback late today when the committee on resolutions and platform prepared a report which declared against national prohibition and national woman suffrage. The report, to be submitted tomorrow to the convention, is not expected to be adopted without a fight.

Reversal for the prohibition forces were seen shortly after the convention met at noon. In a session of less than an hour the temporary organization was affected and committee names containing a majority of opponents of Thomas B. Love of Dallas, candidate for national committee man which was taken by many delegates to indicate a setback for the prohibition forces.

The committee report will urge the renomination of president Wilson and of Vice President Marshall. Adequate national preparedness will be advocated. The administration of Governor James E. Ferguson will be endorsed.

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Bryan Choice of Prohibitionists

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] CHICAGO, May 23.—If he will consent to make the race, William Jennings Bryan may be selected as the prohibition party candidate for president.

Statements of Mr. Bryan before the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in which he was quoted as declaring that he had no longer followed a political party which refused to endorse national prohibition, was discussed by prohibition party leaders here today. They expressed the belief that if the democratic national convention at St. Louis declined to adopt a national prohibition plank in its platform, Mr. Bryan might consent to become the candidate of the prohibition party for president.

The prohibition national convention will be held at St. Paul, July 19 to 22.

Bryan Non-committal

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Former Secretary Bryan, here tonight to attend a dinner given in his honor, said he never had heard of the possibility of his being nominated for president on the prohibition ticket, "and never expected to hear of it except through the newspapers."

He declined to treat the subject seriously enough to answer a direct question as to whether he would accept the nomination if it were tendered.

CARRANZA TROOPS PLAN TO VIGOROUSLY PURSUE BANDITS

COMPANY L, ARIZONA GUARD IS MUSTERED IN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 23.—Company L, Arizona National Guard has been mustered into the federal service, being the first organization of the First Arizona infantry to be sworn in. It has 71 officers and men.

Company G, of Douglas, with 68 men, and Company B of Safford, with 75, are ready to be mustered in within the next few days.

Recruits are arriving daily from all parts of the state and the regiment will probably be at full war strength by the end of the month, according to officers. There has been one desertion, it is reported.

STARVATION IS THINNING RANKS OF THE YAQUIS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 23.—That starvation is rapidly decimating the ranks of the Yaqui Indians as a result of the de facto troops having driven them from their sources of food supply, was the statement of Colonel Miguel S. Samaniego, who has arrived in Agua Prieta to visit his family after a year's campaign in the Yaqui river valley. Colonel Samaniego predicted that the campaign would be brought to a definite conclusion within a few weeks, with the hostiles scattered, their women, children and men in the hands of the Mexican authorities and their mountain strongholds garrisoned by Mexican soldiers.

The Indians have been driven out of the supposedly impregnable Bacatete mountain range, he said. The plan of campaign of the de facto forces has been to strongly garrison each town and ranch where food could be obtained, while cavalry commands patrol all roads and mountain trails.

As a result the greater part of the men of the tribe, greatly weakened by hunger, have been driven north steadily toward the Chihuahua border, traveling in small bands. The old men and women have been placed in concentration camps in Guaymas. The children have been sent to Hermosillo and placed in a special school which has been established for them by General P. Elias Calles, commander in chief of the Sonora forces.

Colonel Samaniego said that with the close of this campaign the Yaqui problem will have been settled definitely and forever. Starvation is defeating the warring tribes and they will be relentlessly pursued until all have succumbed to hunger and privation or have surrendered.

Americans reaching here from the interior confirm the statement that hunger is driving the Yaquis from their native haunts. One case where two Indian boys were discovered by an American in a pitifully weakened condition, was recounted by an arrival. The boys told the mining man who found them that they and other members of the tribe had been living for days on soap made from boiling cowhide, in which a few berries

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VEILED GIRL RIDES WITH BAND THAT ROUTS CARRANZA GARRISON

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] FIELD HEADQUARTERS, May 16.—(By motor truck to Columbus, N. M., May 23.)—The soldiers of Naniquippa, the girl soldier from the town of Naniquippa whose presence with the Villistas has been rumored since the Columbus raid, has been definitely identified as a member of the bandit organization in the Ojos Azules fight on May 5. This fact was learned today from men who made the cavalry charge and the long chase of the demoralized Mexicans in that fight. The young soldier was not a Columbus raider, but about a week afterward, when Villa routed the Carranza garrison at Naniquippa, 200 miles south of the border, she disappeared from her home.

At the Ojos Azules fight one of the first persons to run from the Mexican stronghold was a little, slightly built individual in trousers, with a white veil over the shoulders, who leaped upon a barebacked horse and rode safely into the hills. After the slaughter at the ranch, when the cavalrymen were beating up the hills in small parties, three Mexicans were seen in flight, one of them being the person in the white veil. The soldiers thought this make-up betrayed the woman, but suspected that it might be a disguise adopted by an officer to facilitate his escape. The veil kept coming loose and the fugi-

tive rewound it each time. Instead, however, of stuffing the end in lightly about the neck, in soldier fashion, the veiled person carefully patted the fabric into place between forehead and temples. Observing this one of the American pursuers stopped his fellows with this shout: "Good night, it's her. Don't shoot."

The young woman made her escape. Her presence with the bandits afterward was verified.

OUTLAW ROJAS IS KILLED IN RUNNING FIGHT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., May 23.—Tommas Rojas, leader of the outlaw band that raided the Colton ranches, has been killed in a running fight at Sacramento and the rest of the band is being closely pursued, according to an official report today from General Trevino.

Some trouble makers in this city tried to start riots here this morning by circulating the canard that war had been declared with the United States. But they failed to create any excitement.

General Ignacio Reyes has informed General Trevino from Jimenez that he captured the bandit, Abundio Hernandez, and a supply of rifles and ammunition while searching for his brother, Nicholas Hernandez, Villa's chief of staff, who is reported in that district. General Ramos has put strong detachments up the Rio Florido to guard the ranches there, which are the only places where the bandits can provision themselves. General Maldonado sends word from Concho of the execution there of two officers and four soldiers of a Villa band, who had received amnesty. They were shot for the robbery of a carload of provisions destined for the Nice mining camp. The goods were recovered.

General Luis Herrera at Parral has asked General Trevino that the balance of his brigade be sent him in order to strengthen the outside points of Balleza and Rosario, Magistral Cieneguilla, El Carmen and Guadalupe. A number of mines have resumed working there and General Herrera expects for their benefit to run trains daily from Rosario to Jimenez. With stronger garrisons, he believes that other mines will be induced to open.

NEGROES ELIMINATED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] FORT WORTH, Tex., May 23.—Negroes were eliminated as voting factors in the Texas republican convention here today. Contests over seating of delegates, in which the negro question was prominent, occupied the convention throughout the day and made a night session necessary for election of delegates to the national convention and the transaction of other business.

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Following News of Withdrawal of Second Punitive Expedition, Word Comes Obregon Orders 30,000 Troops In Bandit Hunt

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, May 23.—Reports to the state and war departments today further indicated plans of the Carranza government to vigorously prosecute pursuit of Chihuahua outlaw bandits while the American forces remain comparatively quiescent.

Closely following news of withdrawal from Mexico of the second American punitive expedition sent from Boguillas, Texas, information reached the state department that General Obregon had ordered 30,000 troops to join the bandit hunt in Chihuahua and along the Big Bend border.

Delay in opening diplomatic negotiations over the question of American troops remaining in Mexico also was indicated in official dispatches state department officials said that receipt of the new note being prepared by General Carranza was not expected before next week. It was thought probable that retirement of the Big Bend expedition to American soil had presented a new situation in connection with representations contemplated in General Carranza's new note.

Secretary Baker said tonight that the Sibley-Langhorne expedition was not withdrawn upon orders from Washington. Officials here believed the American forces lost the "hot trail" of the bandits who raided Glenn Springs and Boguillas, and retired because their forces could accomplish no good by remaining across the border.

Whether the 116 national guardsmen of Texas who refused to be mustered into the federal service shall be court-martialed has not been determined. Judge Advocate General Crowder today withdrew an opinion submitted to General Scott, chief of staff, which outlined the war department's authority and rules of procedure. General Crowder desires to consider whether the new army reorganization bill, just passed by congress, will affect the situation.

The record of the Texas guardsmen in responding to President Wilson's call for border duty was defeated today by Representative Slayden of Texas.

"Less than three per cent of the guard have failed to answer the summons," he said, "and in view of the fact that many of the men have families to support and other affairs which might prevent their immediate response, the proportion seems very small to me."

Mr. Slayden produced figures to show that the membership of the guard had increased in Texas within the last few months and quoted General Funston as saying he thought the Texas guardsmen had acquitted themselves creditably in the Mexican situation.

Settlement of the railroad strike in several Mexican districts was reported in state department advice. Trains Monterey were reported operating as usual as well as some mines, smelters and other industrial plants. At Piedras Negras, official advice stated, railroad shop employees returned to work yesterday and traffic has been resumed, through trains from Mexico City arriving there daily.

Renewed activity of bandits near Acapulco, on the west Mexican coast was reported.

Ascension Mayor Protests EL PASO, May 23.—Complaint against the actions of the American troops at Ascension, in the Casas Grandes district, was received by Gen. Gavira in Juarez today in a telegram

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REPORT OUTLAWS SHOT IS NOT CONFIRMED

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., May 23.—Reports that Colonel Luis Morin and Victoriano Ponce, alleged Mexican outlaws, had been killed by Texas rangers, seventy-five miles north of Brownsville last night when the Mexicans attempted to escape from custody, still were without official confirmation tonight. The sheriffs of Kleberg and Wallace counties reported they had not seen Morin or Ponce since they were turned over to rangers yesterday, presumably to be brought to Brownsville, where murder charges have been placed against them.

It was suggested that possibly the rangers had taken the two men to some isolated place for safe keeping.

Spread Reports To Incite Mexicans Against Yankees

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NAMIQUIPPA, Mex., May 23.—(Via Radio to Columbus, N. M.)—The Carranza garrison at Madera is engaged in spreading reports calculated to stir up both soldiers and natives against the Americans, according to a report received here today from that place. No clashes have been reported, however, between members of the expedition and any of the Mexicans. Meantime the expedition is quiescent, patrolling only a limited district to the south. Carranzistas are keeping aloof from the American detachments.

General Pershing, through the press correspondents, thanks the American women who are contributing luxuries to the troops, but announces that the men are amply supplied with clothing and books, and a further deluge of candies and delicacies would burden the army transports.

The members of the expedition are in the best of condition physically. Dentists who have lately joined the medical staff here have proved a welcome addition to the army, however.